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I had no opportunity of observing the aspeet of Paris during that memorable period reeorded in history by the name* of the Hundred l>ays, but the letters whieh I ivn-ived at the time, together with all that I afterwards heard, eon-curred in assuring me that the capital never presented so nudamiholy a picture us during those three months. No one felt any confidence in Napoleon's second reign, and it, was said, without any sort of reserve, that Poue!n% while serving the cause of usurpation, would secretly betray it. The future was viewed with alarm, and the present with dissatisfaction. The sight of the federates who pu railed the faulfourg.s and the boulevards, vociferating, "The Itepttblie forever!" anil "Death to the Eoyalihth ! " their sanguinary songs, tin* revolutionary airs played in our theatres, all tcndcii to produce a fearful torpor in the public mind, ami the issue of tht* impending events was anxiously awaited..

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